

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
1685 E Street, Fresno, California 93706

PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
THE COUNTY OF KERN
FOR
CLOSURE AND POST-CLOSURE MAINTENANCE
CHINA GRADE SANITARY LANDFILL
KERN COUNTY**

The County of Kern owns and maintains the China Grade Sanitary Landfill, located approximately six miles northeast of Bakersfield. Landfilling operations began in 1970, were suspended in 1974, reopened in 1983, and ceased in April of 1992. The 117-acre facility contains one unlined waste management unit (Unit) covering approximately 58 acres and is currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 5-00-155. This Order revises the existing Waste Discharge Requirements to provide for the construction of a final cover and to regulate post-closure maintenance of the facility.

A **formal** public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Board meeting which is scheduled for:

DATE: Thursday, 20 October 2005, and Friday, 21 October 2005
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Board
- County of Kern

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Regional Board no later than **23 September 2005**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item must submit testimony, evidence, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than **23 September 2005**. Written testimony, evidence, or comments submitted after **23 September 2005** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

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All interested persons may speak at the Regional Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Regional Board Chair.

Anyone having questions on the tentative waste discharge requirements should contact Ron Holcomb at (559) 445-6050. Interested parties may download the proposed tentative waste discharge requirements and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/>. If you do not have Internet access, copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Board's office at 1685 E Street, Fresno, California, 93706, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and is available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code Section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/index.html. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Regional Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839 at least five working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

LONNIE M. WASS, Supervising Engineer

17 August 2005